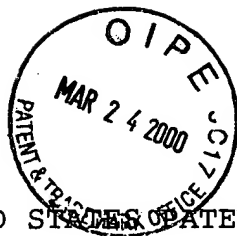


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METHOD, LASER OSCILLATING) :
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SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

Applicants also cite two U.S. Patents which were cited in a Search Report dated February 11, 2000. A copy of the Report is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

It is hereby certified that the two U.S. patents cited in this information disclosure statement were cited in

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

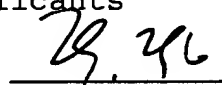
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